

VOLUTA ÆTHIOPICA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Animal Limax.

Testa unilocularis, spiralis.

Apertura ecandata, subeffusa.

Columella plicata.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

VOLUTA testa emarginata ventricosa, spira coronata spinis fornicatis, apice papillari, columella quadriplicata.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1195.

Cymbium mamillare coronatum.

Seb. 3. t. 65. f. 12.

Corona ÆTHIOPICA.

Argenv. t. 20. f. F.

Cochlea hæc magna et venusta, quæ interdum grandior longe est quam in tabula ostenditur, e maribus Indicis extrahitur, colore, ut plurimum, fusco-flavescente; interdum, (quod et specimini huic nostro contigit) non sine fascia seu fasciis macularum magnarum albarum a forma cordis non magnopere distantium, aut angulatarum. Interdum quoque spinarum basin cingentium variat longitudo.







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THE
ÆTHIOPIAN VOLUTE.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Animal resembling a Limax or Slug.

Shell unilocular, spiral.

Pillar twisted or plaited.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Yellow-Brown, emarginated, ventricose VOLUTE, with four wreaths on the pillar, and the spire crowned with spines.

La Couronne d'Ethiopie.

Argenv. 17. f. f.

The ÆTHIOPIAN Crown.

This large and elegant shell, which sometimes far exceeds the size of the annexed engraving, is a native of the Indian seas. Its general colour is a yellowish brown, which is sometimes varied, as in the present specimen, with one or more transverse fasciæ of large and somewhat heart-shaped or angular spots: it also occasionally varies in having either longer or shorter spines or processes round the base.